



Community Development Block Grant General Purpose Grant Program

Local Government Division

Introduction

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) General Purpose Grants are made available annually through a competitive application process to assist Washington State small cities, towns and counties in carrying out significant community and economic development projects that principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons.

The Washington State CDBG Program is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The purpose of the state CDBG Program is to improve and maintain the economic and physical environment of eligible, non-entitlement cities and counties in order to enhance the quality of life for low- and moderate-income residents and, as a result, benefit the entire community.

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Examples of eligible General Purpose Grant proposals include:

- Public facilities such as water, wastewater, storm sewer and streets
- Community facilities, such as community centers, health care facilities and child care facilities
- Projects in support of new housing construction, this is usually acquisition and infrastructure
- Economic development, such as revolving loan funds, infrastructure and incubators
- Comprehensive projects requiring a combination of eligible activities
- Barrier removal for handicap accessibility

Contact CDBG program staff to confirm eligibility of a jurisdiction or specific activity to be funded.

Funds Available

\$8 million is available for General Purpose Grants in 2004. The maximum amount for a single grant is \$1,000,000. Applicants may submit only one request each annual funding cycle.

Eligibility Guidelines

- Eligible applicants are Washington State cities and towns with less than 50,000 in population or counties with less than 200,000 in population that are non-entitlement jurisdictions or are not participants in a HUD Urban County Entitlement Consortium.
- Non-profit organizations, Indian tribes, and special purpose organizations such as public housing authorities, port districts, community action agencies, and economic development councils, are not eligible to apply directly to the CDBG Program for funding. However, eligible jurisdictions may choose to serve Indian tribes within their jurisdiction or to involve the other organizations in the operation of projects funded under the program.
- Projects must principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons. Low- and moderate-income is defined as 80 percent of county median income.

Application Process

- 1) Applications are available in September when application workshops are conducted.
- 2) Applications are due mid-November.
- 3) Applications are rated by a review committee, given a numerical score and funded by highest score first until all available funds have been awarded.
- 4) Awards are announced in late February.